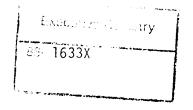
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## OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN



9 APR 1986

Mr. William J. Casey Director, Central Intelligence Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey: 1310

It has been brought to my attention that there is an effort currently under way by General Stilwell which recommends to the Congress the realignment of the National Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Committee (NTISSC). This realignment would result in the disestablishment of the national structure formed by the President's directive (NSDD 145). I understand the recommendations will require that national issues developed by the NTISSC be submitted to the Senior Interagency Group (Intelligence) through the Interagency Group on Countermeasures. Such recommendations are inimical to the efforts of the NTISSC and seriously undermine the process that assures full participation and cooperation within the Executive Branch and between the Government and the private sector. We have made considerable headway toward meeting the President's objectives. Any action to disestablish or redirect NSDD 145 efforts is contrary to those goals and the President's continuing commitments in this area.

During the preparation of NSDD 145, there were long discussions and much deliberation given within the Administration on the development of the process, responsibilities, and structure. I do not believe exhuming these topics or changing the national structure established by NSDD 145 will serve any purpose. I request your assistance in reaffirming the commitment to the precepts of the President's directive.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Latham Chairman